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Mineral County

Located in northwestern Montana, Mineral County is Montana's 39th most populous with 3,843 residents, according to the 2001 estimates produced by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Superior, the county seat, is the state's 61st largest city with a population of 893. Mineral County history began with the building of the Mullan Military Road in 1859. It ran the length of the county and in its tracks today runs I-90. Gold was discovered at Cedar Creek in 1869 and a gold rush lasted about three years.

Superior started as a post office in 1871 to serve the miners and once was called "Superior City." Railroads played an important role in building up the community. Mineral County was formed in 1914 and named by Orville Grant Willett, a Spanish-American War veteran and first state senator from the county.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Mineral County households in 1999 was $27,143. The county is 1,223.4 square miles in area; 1,219.9 square miles in land area and 3.5 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Western Regional Climate Center*, the average daily low in Superior in January between 1971 and 2000 was 19.5 degrees above zero. The average daily high in July was 86.6 degrees above. The average annual precipitation during the same period was 16.58 inches and the growing season was from May 26 to Sept. 14 (last and first frost).

Mineral County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	2001 Census Estimate	2000 Census	1990 Census	1980 Census	% Change '00 to '01	% Change '90 to '00	% Change '80 to '90
Montana	904,433	902,195	799,065	786,690	0.2%	12.9%	1.6%
Mineral County	3,843	3,884	3,315	3,675	-1.1%	17.2%	-9.8%
Alberton	NA	374	354	368	NA	5.6%	-3.8%
Superior	NA	893	881	1,054	NA	1.4%	-16.4%

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.

NA = not available

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Third Quarter 2002 Unemployment Insurance Information.

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Annual Average Labor Force For Mineral County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2002	1,690	1,540	150	8.9%
2001	1,763	1,619	144	8.2%
2000	1,647	1,496	151	9.2%
1999	1,682	1,521	161	9.6%
1998	1,722	1,535	187	10.9%
1997	1,679	1,523	156	9.3%
1996	1,629	1,481	148	9.1%
1995	1,692	1,476	216	12.8%
1994	1,711	1,543	168	9.8%
1993	1,647	1,490	157	9.5%
1992	1,732	1,547	185	10.7%
1991	1,782	1,589	193	10.8%
1990	1,772	1,616	156	8.8%
1989	1,386	1,255	131	9.5%
1988	1,528	1,357	171	11.2%
1987	1,592	1,423	169	10.6%
1986	1,635	1,425	210	12.8%
1985	1,777	1,527	250	14.1%
1984	1,921	1,675	246	12.8%
1983	2,251	1,906	345	15.3%
1982	1,848	1,430	418	22.6%
1981	1,908	1,665	243	12.7%
1980	1,903	1,710	193	10.1%
1979	1,710	1,582	128	7.5%
1978	1,711	1,558	153	8.9%
1977	1,763	1,580	183	10.4%
1976	1,775	1,623	152	8.6%
1975	1,544	1,372	172	11.1%
1974	1,568	1,417	151	9.6%
1973	1,458	1,348	110	7.5%
1972	1,457	1,360	97	6.7%
1971	1,363	1,277	86	6.3%
1970	1,283	1,203	80	6.2%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (2002 Benchmark).

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Gender

2000 Census

Employed Persons 16 Years Old and Older - Mineral County

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	1,678	903	775
Management, Professional and Related Occupations	406	181	225
Management, Business, Financial Operations Occupations	180	82	78
Management (Except Farmers and Farm Managers)	109	46	63
Farmers and Farm Managers	31	24	7
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	20	12	8
Professional and Related Occupations	246	99	147
Education, Training and Library Occupations	97	35	62
Healthcare Practitionars and Technical Occupations	67	11	56
Service Occupations	314	77	237
Protective Service Occupations	18	13	5
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	140	23	117
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	74	31	43
Personal Care and Service Occupations	38	2	36
Sales and Office Occupations	368	105	263
Sales and Related Occupations	165	67	98
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	203	38	165
Farming, Fishing and Forestry Occupations	68	66	2
Construction, Extraction and Maintenance Occupations	253	245	8
Construction and Extraction Occupations	146	138	8
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Occupations	107	107	0
Production, Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	269	229	40
Production Occupations	130	106	24
Motor Vehicle Operators	62	53	9
Material Moving Workers	64	57	7

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Resources

⇒ **Chamber of Commerce:**
Mineral County Chamber, P. O. Box 483, Superior, MT 59872, 406-822-4891

⇒ **Department of Labor and Industry:**
Missoula Job Service Workforce Center
539 S. 3rd St. W., Missoula, MT 59806, 406-728-7060, **http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/local/missoula/**

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau Publications and Website
For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication or check out our Internet website at **http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/**.

⇒ **Economic Development:**
Montana State University Mineral County Extension, P. O. Box 730, Superior, MT 59872, 406-822-3545

⇒ **Housing Costs:**
Check the Yellow Pages in the local phone directory for the *Real Estate* listings.

⇒ **Internet:**
Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at **http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/**.
For information on the Internet about cities and towns of Alberton, De Borgia, Haugan, St. Regis, Saltese and Superior go to **http://www.visitmt.com** and click on "cities and towns."

⇒ **Montana Motor Vehicle Division:**
Drivers' Licensing
Superior–Courthouse, 406-822-3530, **(office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., second and fourth Wednesdays of each month)**

⇒ **Newspaper:**
Mineral Independent, P. O. Box 667, Plains, MT 59859-0667, 406-826-3402, **http://www.mineralindependent.com/**

⇒ **Public Libraries:**
Alberton Branch Library, 701 Railroad Ave., Alberton, MT 59820, 406-722-3005
Mineral County Public Library, 301 Second Ave. E., Superior, MT 59872, 406-822-3563
St. Regis Branch Library, 3 Tiger St., St. Regis, MT 59866, 406-649-2343

⇒ **Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:**
Alberton K-12 Schools, P. O. Box 330, Alberton, MT 59820, 406-722-4413
St. Regis K-12 Schools, Drawer K, St. Regis, MT 59866, 406-649-2427
Superior K-12 Schools, P. O. Box 400, Superior, MT 59872, 406-822-3600

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Mineral County Employment By Industry*

Annual Averages 2001

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	156	1,155	$22,012,596
PRIVATE BUSINESS	134	831	$13,651,276
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISH	3	4	$73,928
CONSTRUCTION	15	64	$1,701,047
General Building	7	10	$161,136
MANUFACTURING	16	166	$4,102,178
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	13	22	$544,474
Trucking-Warehousing	7	7	$165,753
Electricity, Gas, Sanitation	3	11	$305,822
RETAIL TRADE	32	342	$3,917,515
Food Stores	4	54	$584,316
Auto Dealers-Service Stations	5	62	$696,230
Eating & Drinking	14	121	$1,111,911
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	8	21	$263,034
Real Estate	6	15	$146,013
SERVICES	42	203	$2,964,354
Hotels & Lodging	9	49	$507,749
Amusement & Recreation	6	16	$199,370
Social Services	8	19	$116,043
Private Households	3	2	$25,033
GOVERNMENT	22	323	$8,361,320
State	6	41	$1,408,557
Local	7	221	$4,723,521
Federal	9	61	$2,229,242

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau.
(Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding)
*Payroll Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance.

Per Capita Personal Income

	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1980	1970
U.S.	$29,469	$27,843	$26,893	$25,412	$24,270	$23,255	$22,340	$21,539	$20,962	$20,023	$19,572	$10,183	$4,095
Montana	$22,518	$21,490	$21,225	$19,920	$19,173	$18,592	$17,995	$17,968	$17,045	$16,471	$15,516	$9,143	$3,625
% of National Average	76%	77%	79%	78%	79%	80%	81%	83%	81%	82%	79%	90%	89%
Mineral County	$15,620	$14,719	$14,873	$13,878	$13,623	$13,429	$12,494	$12,781	$12,318	$12,279	$11,793	$7,196	$3,192
% of National Average	53%	53%	55%	55%	56%	58%	56%	59%	59%	61%	60%	71%	78%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 2002

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Count of Persons by Age, Race and Sex (2000 Census)

School Age	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	321	153	2	1	13	4	3	2	2	1	12	4	12	5
12-14	180	93	0	0	6	1	2	1	1	1	4	3	4	2
15-17	185	79	0	0	5	3	2	0	2	2	8	6	5	3
18-21	153	70	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	8	3	5	2
Total	839	395	3	1	26	8	7	3	6	4	32	16	26	12

Working & Voting Age	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+	2,925	1,413	4	1	48	23	14	9	7	4	71	43	39	20
16-64	2,384	1,149	4	1	48	23	11	6	7	4	65	39	38	20
18+	2,812	1,361	4	1	45	21	13	9	5	2	63	37	36	17
18-64	2,271	1,097	4	1	45	21	10	6	5	2	57	33	35	17

Other Age Group	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	175	94	2	1	6	2	1	0	0	0	10	2	4	2
5-17	686	325	2	1	24	8	7	3	5	4	24	13	21	10
18-44	1,164	572	3	1	25	11	4	1	4	2	34	21	23	11
45-64	1,107	525	1	0	20	10	6	5	1	0	23	12	12	6
65+	541	264	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	6	4	1	0
Total	3,673	1,780	8	3	75	31	21	12	10	6	97	52	61	29

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF1) 100-Percent Data

Compiled by: Census & Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, September 2001

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County of Residence	# Who Work in Mineral County
Out of State	52
Broadwater County	4
Flathead County	5
Lincoln County	5
Mineral County	1,220
Missoula County	95
Park County	7
Ravalli County	28
Sanders County	41
Toole County	6

County of Work	# Who Live in Mineral County
Out of State	52
Beaverhead County	2
Broadwater County	1
Flathead County	3
Gallatin County	3
Granite County	5
Jefferson County	2
Lake County	1
Meagher County	2
Mineral County	1,220
Missoula County	306
Park County	3
Powell County	8
Ravalli County	4
Sanders County	12
Yellowstone County	5

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